



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirty-sixth Annual Session
OF THE
Oxford Baptist Association
HELD WITH THE
Good Hope Baptist Church

In Panola County, Mississippi, Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday, September 6th, 7th and 8th, 1905.



OFFICERS:

N. W. P. BACON, Moderator.

A. T. BOBO, Clerk.

W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committee.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Report of Finance Committee.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Appoint Place of Next Meeting.
15. Appoint Brothers to Preach Introductory Sermon
16. Miscellaneous.
17. Call and Correct Roll, and Read Minutes.
18. Adjourn.



DIRECTORY.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

D. C. Perkins,	Iverson Hargis,
J. D. Jones,	A. J. McKee,
I. H. Lowry,	R. C. McKinney,
A. D. Martin,	W. H. A. Bemis,
J. D. Woodruff,	J. W. Lee,
G. W. Hollowell,	D. D. Tubbs,
E. M. Thornton,	J. L. Low,
E. W. Barton,	J. C. Broom,
G. L. Neely,	J. M. Davis,
I. T. Woodruff,	J. H. Few,
W. H. Tyler,	W. R. Knight.

LOCAL COMMITTEE:

J. L. Sisk,	D. D. Tubbs,
E. M. Taylor,	J. W. Holloway,
J. N. Hamilton.	

STANDING COMMITTEE:

State Missions—A. A. Lomax, D. C. Perkins.
Home Missions—P. H. Lowry, G. W. Hollowell.
Foreign Missions—J. L. Low, W. H. Carder.
Sunday Schools—F. L. Riley, W. I. Hargis.
Woman's Work—H. W. Rockett, W. H. Hudson.
Publications—E. Stubblefield, J. W. Higginbotham.
Orphanage—A. E. Jennings, H. L. Johnson.
Education—B. T. Kimbrough, W. N. Hamilton.

MINISTERAL DIRECTORY.



ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. L. Johnson, Nolen.
H. W. Rockett, Enid.
W. D. House, Water Valley.
G. W. Hollowell, Splinter.
N. W. P. Bacon, Oxford, R.F.D. No. 2.
J. W. Lee, Grenada.
T. B. Williamson, Grenada.
W. L. Hudson, Nolen.
S. C. Wilkins, Water Valley.
W. I. Hargis, University.
A. W. McNeal, University.
Alex. A. Lomax, Batesville.
Terry Box, Pine Valley.
E. D. Hustler, Tocowa.
J. L. Low, Water Valley.
L. Linder, Water Valley.
C. G. Blount, Water Valley.
M. L. Williams, Water Valley.
W. N. Hamilton, Taylor.

LICENTIATES.

E. M. Taylor, Taylor.
B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., Oxford.
G. L. Neely, Water Valley.
W. H. Hudson, Velma.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Thirty-sixth Annual Session with the Good Hope Church on the 6th day of September, A. D. 1905.

At 11 o'clock a. m., the Moderator and Clerk being absent, the Treasurer, Bro. W. W. Dickins, called the Association to order and conducted devotional exercises. "All hail the power of Jesus's name" was sung and Bro. J. L. Low led in prayer.

On motion, Bro. W. W. Dickins was elected temporary Moderator and A. T. Bobo, temporary Clerk.

The Moderator appointed Brethren B. T. Kimbrough Jr., and J. R. Taylor, reading Clerks.

Letters were read and delegates enrolled from the following Churches, to-wit:

Antioch—(No delegates.)

Big Springs—E. W. Barton and A. B. Smith.

Bethany—H. W. Rockett, I. H. Lowry and Miss Anna Lowry.

Bethel—J. M. Davis and J. T. Johnsey.

Central—(No delegates).

Clear Creek—N. W. P. Bacon, H. L. Bunch, Mrs. H. L. Bunch and J. D. Jones.

Concord—Gussie Moore, G. W. Hollowell and J. W. Higginbotham.

Courtland—Dr. I. T. Woodruff, Mrs. I. T. Woodruff and Miss Tecoa Burnett.

Good Hope—B. B. McCullough, A. S. Woodruff, E. M. Thornton and T. A. Woodruff.

Liberty Hill—L. C. Pollard, W. H. Tyler, J. G. Hill and Sister Alice Pittcock.

Mt. Gilead—W. T. Berry, J. L. Goodwin and J. H. Few.

New Liberty—A. J. McKee.

New Hope—(No delegates.)

Oxford—B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., Iverson Hargis and Broadus Hargis.

Panola—D. C. Perkins, W. W. Dickins, P. H. Lowry and A. T. Bobo.

Pope—(No delegates.)

Pilgrim's Rest—J. C. Broom, R. J. McMinn, J. E. Collier and R. Y. Waller.

Paris—(No delegates.)

Shady Grove—Terry Box.

Tocowa—J. D. Woodruff, T. A. Tubbs and E. D. Hustler.

Water Valley—J. L. Low, A. E. Jennings, Miss Maud Payne and Miss Ola Payne.

Yocona—D. D. Tubbs, J. C. Carothers, W. B. Browning and Mrs. W. B. Browning.

Yellow Leaf—Jim Johnson, Levy Fudge, W. R. Knight, and J. P. Wilbanks.

In the absence of Bro. W. I. Hargis, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. J. L. Low by request, preached a strong and edifying sermon from 1, 8-13; subject, Prayer. Prayer by Bro. Bacon.

Adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Bro. Johnson.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m., The Association assembled at the singing of "My Soul be on Thy Guard." Devotional exercises led by Bro. J. R. Taylor.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers and the following were elected, towit:—N. W. P. Bacon, Moderator; A. T. Bobo, Clerk, and W. W. Dickins, Treasurer.

The present order of business was adopted.

The Moderator appointed J. W. Higginbotham, P.B. Farrow and I. T. Woodruff a committee on Finance.

REPORT OF MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Bro. H. W. Rockett, report having visited Coldwater and Yallobusha Associations.

Bro. H. L. Johhson, visited the Baptist State Convention.

The following Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed—The Officers of Good Hope Church and H. L. Johnson.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Nominations—D. C. Perkins, H. W. Rockett and B. B. McCullough.

Vacancies in Standing Committees filled as follows:

Woman's Work—Terry Box and W. W. Dickins.

Education—B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., and J.R. Taylor.

Home Missions—J.L. Low and J.W. Higginbotham.

—The Moderator appointed Committee on Apportionment as follows:—D. C. Perkins, J. D. Jones, I. H.

Lowry, J. D. Woodruff, A. D. Martin, G. W. Hollowell, E. M. Thornton, E. W. Barton, G. L. Neely, I. T. Woodruff, W. H. Tyler, Iverson Hargis, A. J. McKee, R. C. McKinney, W. H. A. Bemis, J. W. Lee, D. D. Tubbs, J. L. Low, J. M. Davis, J. C. Broom and J. H. Few.

On motion, the members of the Apportionment Committee are appointed Executive Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the hope of progress, your committee on Sunday Schools begs to briefly refer to a reading of many reports as found in our annual minutes, of which some are terse and inspiring; but for some unexplained reason, seem to have been wanting in effect on our people. We find reported in our letters, 15 Churches having schools and 11 churches not reporting schools. Total amount 1904, 732 and for 1905, 647; an increase of 15. Last but by no means least, total baptized 51. All uniformly using our own S. B. C., literature. A fervent zeal and better things are to come.

Since Sunday Schools began, there has perhaps never been so much to encourage and inspire; never before was there such a multitude of earnest men and women devoting their time and talent to this cause. It is simply glorious to contemplate, that throughout the civilized nations there are millions engaged in what is more popularly called, "*The Sunday School Work.*"

In the secular news papers and in the Church. Papers we find much written of "Worlds Conventions," "Inter-denominational Associations," "Institutes; Normal and

Training Classes," "Superintendents Exchanges," "Board and Field Secretaries" and literature and printed helps, superior and super-abundant. Some graded to suit all classes and at a financial cost of no moment.

With joy would your committee refer to our own, our beloved and capable field secretary, Bro. L. P. Leavell of whom we are so justly proud and in whom, we have a workman that needeth not be ashamed. In commendation, we would emphasize, that we need more of his work in our churches and associational bounds; and we need more workers like him

Oxford Association would make more progress in Sunday School work, had she a right man and call him to that work in the days before us. Could not the Associational bounds, in some feasible way, be made into districts, and be brought together in more active work and closer co-operation; might not the otherwise useful "Faith Sunday Meeting" be brought to greater service in the Sunday School Field?

In the midst of so much to give rejoicing, yet let us fail not to comprehend that all these broadened spheres and trained workers and modern methods, bring also increased responsibilities, obligations and duties that cannot, must not, be left to others. As your humble committee esteem it, however splendid it may be; no amount of modern methods, cultivated work or enlarged fields, should relax our custom of annually emphasizing in our Association, our unfaltering and uncompromising stand; urging upon our people, 1st. The Sunday School—A Bible School. 2nd. The Study of the Bible by the members of our church together. 3d. To manifest to the

world what a Baptist Bible School stands for.

We beg now, to urge the pressing and vital needs of the work, emphasizing the consecrated and Divinely established pulpit and pastor and the preaching service, with active, living and responsive church membership; parents alive to their responsibilities and opportunities; capable and willing superintendents and officers, and trained teachers, willing to pay the price of preparation and filled with love for fellow man, and obedient to the call that is upon this people as we now see it.

Respectfully submitted.

Read by D. C. Perkins and discussed by D. C. Perkins and H. W. Rockett and tabled subject to call.

The following hours were fixed for hearing Mission Reports to-morrow:—Foreign Missions, 9 a. m. Home Missions, 10 a. m. State Missions, 1:30 p. m.

Adjourned. Benediction by Bro. H. L. Johnson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Bro. B. T. Kimbrough, Jr.

Bretheren E. L. Wesson and Mabry Dorr, of the Coldwater Association, were recognized and invited to participate with us.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the life time of our Lord, He sent out the twelve, and later seventy others, on a preaching tour, telling them not to go into the "way of the Gentiles,"

but go to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," this was home missions.

After His resurrection, He gave the commission to preach to all the world, this was foreign missions, and it has been foreign missions ever since. The world is the christian's home, and his field of action.

The work of evangelizing the world has been the work of the churches ever since the commission was given. For this were they organized; for this came they into the world. Their work will never end until they have carried the Gospel to all people, making Christ known to them.

In placing this work into our hands, our Lord has given us large share in hastening his second coming in His glory. We have made some progress in this work, but not what we ought to have done. We need greater consecration in our lives. The Lord grant that it come speedily.

During the last conventional year, our Foreign Mission Board has expended \$283,000 on this work, which was an increase over the preceeding of nearly \$50,000. While this is encouraging from one view point, it is very little for 1,500,000 christians to give.

The baptism for the same time 2,231, an increase also, but what are these among almost one billion of benighted heathens.

Fifty new Missionaries were sent out, this means larger contributions. Our State gave \$21,000 last year. We are asked to give \$27,000 this year. We must enlist all our members in this work, it would be easy if all would help.

H. W. ROCKETT, H. B. GOWEN.

Read by Bro. Rockett and discussed by Brethren

H. W. Rockett, E. L. Wesson, P. H. Lowry, W. W. Dickinson, J. W. Higginbotham and N. W. P. Bacon, and adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The progress of our Home Mission work is gratifying in a high degree. Our Southern Baptist Convention year, closing in May, shows about twenty thousand additions to the churches. ten thousand five hundred and fifty-one of whom were received by baptism.

The beneficent aid of this great agency is sympathetically given wherever needed within the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention. And while our part in word-wide evangelization is faithful obedience to our Master's command, rather than visible results, surely the results of the work of the Home Mission Board most gloriously vindicate the wisdom of its existence, and constitute a mighty appeal to all Southern Baptists to be loyal to this great enterprise.

Special Features:—Your committee deem it wise to call special attention to the following features of the Home Board's work:

First, church house building. No fact is better recognized than the great need for houses of worship throughout our South-land.

It is the sense of your committee that one of the greatest needs in destitute sections of our country is houses of worship; for if churches are organized in these destitute places, we cannot hope for growth nor abiding progress without houses of worship, therefore the Home Mission Board gives special attention to this work. The need of larger giving to home mission becomes apparent to all.

Second. Your committee desire, in the second place to call special attention to the work of the Board among foreigners within our own land. Many of our larger cities are flooded with foreigners, for the salvation of whose souls the Home Board is earnestly working. When these foreigners are reached with the Gospel and brought into the Kingdom of our Redeemer, it is the judgment of many of our wisest leaders that they may be trained for foreign fields and may be made, under God, the most efficient soul winners among their own people.

Third. Your committee desire in the third place, to call attention to the work of this Board among the negroes. While our Master's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," stands, the negro cannot be passed by, if we would be loyal to our risen Lord, nor can we afford to give the negro the Gospel in Africa and neglect him at our own doors. Let us rather do the one and not leave the other undone.

As shown by the minutes of both the Southern Baptist and State Convention's, the work of the Home Board is laid out this year on a basis of \$250,000. Of this amount Mississippi Baptists are asked to raise \$18,000.

Your committee respectfully ask you to join them in an appeal to the churches of our Association to be found among those who unite in the advance movement and see to it that our one third increase over last year's contribution be made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Low, In behalf of committee.

Read and discussed by Bro. Low and tabled subject to call.

At 11 o'clock Bro. H. W. Rockett preached an interesting and helpful sermon. Text, John 18:36.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Bro. G. W. Hollowell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services led by Bro. H. L. Johnson.

On motion, the reading of the report on State Missions, set for this hour, was postponed twenty minutes for discussion on Home Mission Report, which was taken from the table and discussed by E. L. Wesson and P.H. Lowry and adopted.

STATE MISSION REPORT.

The redeemed of our Lord should have but one idea about giving the gospel to all men. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," this obligation was laid on His church, by the Master and we should receive it, as it is from the mouth of our Lord.

We say State Missions, to distinguish it from other departments of the mission work.

State Missions is not an experiment. Numbers of churches in town and country testify to the truth of God's word, "The Gospel is the power of God into salvation to all that believe," and that "His word shall not return unto Him, void but will accomplish that whereunto He hath sent it." In many places in our State, live, active churches, self supporting, are at work to forward on our Lord's cause. Good has been done, that eternity alone will reveal.

There must be no lagging in giving the gospel to the unsaved.

Our State is in a state of rapid development. New towns are being built; the farming people are no longer satisfied with old methods; our people are demanding better work in all departments of school work, in fact, progress in every interest fostered by the State has, and is changing.

The church of God has the key to all right progress. The key to the highest and most useful life in this world and in the long eternity to which we are going.

Your committee would recommend, 1st. as a motto for our Association. "Mississippi for Christ."

2nd. That we pray the Lord of the Harvest to give us more laborers for the work in our State.

3rd. That we kindly ask the State Board to have all the colportage work done possible, in connection with our State Mission work and to make a specialty of this work in our rural districts.

4th. That we strive to get a contribution from all our people for State Missions.

The following is a statement of work done last year by our people:

Days of actual service	8,974
Number of miles traveled.....	29,149
Number of stations	200
Number of sermons preached..	37,89
Prayer meetings attended.	1,198
Religious visits made.....	17,348
Number baptised.....	655

Baptised in meeting where our missionary labored.....	734
Received by letter.....	860
Restore to church fellowship.....	42
Churches orglnized.....	14
Sunday schools organized	84

This work has been done in 31 Associations in our convention teritory.

Your committee think that we have great reason to thank God for the work done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. JOHNSON.

Read by Bro. Johnson and discussed by Brothers H. L. Johnson, J. L. Low and H. W. Rockett, and was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

In this age of improved printing presses and methods there is no end of good books and papers, and they are cheap. There is also much cheap literature that is dear, dear at any price. Dear even when given away. Parents should use great care in the selection of reading matter for their children. Nothing is more corrupting than a bad book, unless it is a bad picture; nothing more elevating and ennobling than a good book.

It is the object of this report however, to deal especially with denomination and religious literature, and more especially with that literature which is for the furtherance of the work which we as an Association are organized to promote. There are so many good Baptist papers that we shall not undertake to mention any by

name except those especially devoted to our State work, and those published by the boards of our Southern Baptist Convention.

We especially recommend and insist that every Baptist family in this State should take and read *The Baptist*. This is necessary to the understanding, appreciation and help of our State denominational work, and to the development of ourselves and our children into strong men and women religiously and denominationally.

We also recommend that every Baptist family take the "Foreign Mission Journal," and "Our Home Field," in order that they may keep in touch and sympathy with our Mission work outside of the State. Also that the "Orphanage Gem" be put into every Baptist home, and that our Sunday Schools and churches use the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, including their Hymn book the "Baptist Hymn and Praise Book."

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. LOWRY,

For Committee.

Read by Bro. Lowry, and discussed by Bro. A. E. Jennings and others, and adopted.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Big Springs	\$30.00	New Hope	\$5.00
Bethany	30.00	Oxford	300.00
Bethel	15.00	Panola	100.00
Clear	60.00	Pope	20.00
Concord	30.00	Paris	10.00
Courtland	10.00	Pilgrim's Rest	25.00

Good Hope.....	50.00	Shady Grove.....	10.00
Central Church....	150.00	Tocowa.....	15.00
Liberty Hill.....	12.00	Union.....	5.00
Mt. Gilead.....	5.50	Water Valley....	1,000.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00	Yocona.....	60.00
New Liberty.	5.00	Yellow Leaf.....	10.00

By special resolution, offered and passed by the Committee, as such, and reported to the body—that this apportionment shall be, and is for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

We recommend that the State Board appropriate \$50.00 for support of pastor at Tocowa and \$35.00 for pastor's support at Pope during ensuing association year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. PERKINS,

Adopted.

Chairman Committee.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY D. C. PERKINS.

Whereas, We recognize, that, in order to insure the best results in any given enterprise, it is absolutely essential to have organization to that end, and that skilled workers should, when possible be utilized, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, this body adopt and appoint as an Associational Board on Sunday School Work, the present Superintendents of Schools now existing. And the Church Clerks in churches making no report of schools. In case of change in any of these, their successors shall succeed also in this behalf.

RESOLVED, 2nd. That we will pray for, and rejoice to have this Associational Sunday School Board establish and maintain, the much desired *Bible School* in every church.

RESOLVED, 3rd. That, Bro. L. P. Leavell be hereby made Chairman of this Sunday School Board.

Adopted.

Place chosen for next meeting—Yocona Church.

Time for next meet—Wednesday before 2nd Sunday in September 1906.

To preach Introductory Sermon—J. W. Lee.

Alternate—N. W. P. Bacon.

Report on Sunday Schools taken from the table and adopted.

Adjourned. Benediction by H. W. Rockett.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met at 9 o'clock. The Moderator being called away to bury Bro. George Leavell, Bro. D. C. Perkins was elected Moderator pro-tem.

Devotional services, conducted by Bro. J. R. Taylor.

Bro. W. W. Dickens led in prayer for the bereaved family of Bro. George Leavell who died yesterday.

Bro. D. C. Perkins delivered a tender, loving message from Bro. A. A. Lomax, who is sick—to the Association, asking them to spend one hour in prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit on the churches and ministers of this Association and without any formality and led by the Holy Spirit, the body resolved itself into a prayer-meeting for the object named and for various sick and bereaved friends and families.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to submit the following report:

Among the Baptist Women of this South-land of ours, the organized work has passed the experimental period, and is a potent factor in all of the good works fostered by our Boards and these Godly Women should have the encouragement and the prayers of every lover of our Lord in the State.

From the report made to our Convention at Tupelo, we gather that the last year was the most prosperous year in the history of the organized work. An increase of over 25 per cent. in contributions over the previous year.

The efficient Secretary of the Central Committee, Mrs. Woods, of Meridian, reports in her admirable report, that our Baptist Women of the South, gave last year to the cause of our Lord \$13,525.00.

Oh, what could have been raised had every church in our State had a live, energetic Woman's Missionary Society.

The State Convention recommends, and asks that every Association appoint a wise and earnest Vice President, and that means be provided by the Association for the expenses necessarily incurred by the Vice President in the furthering of the work within their district.

Your committee longs to see the day when every church in our Association will have a wide-awake, energetic Woman's Missionary Society in it and that society making quarterly reports to the Associational Vice President and the Vice President making quarterly reports to

the Secretary of the Central Committee. May God hasten the time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DICKINS, For committee.

Read by W. W. Dickins and discussed by E. L. Wesson and J. L. Low, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Believing it is best to make you a report of conditions as they exist today rather than a history of our orphanage, that you ought to know thoroughly by this time.

I am just from Jackson, where I spent Tuesday in our orphanage. The new building is almost finished—only a few more touches inside to be completed. Cost \$18,000.00. Acting on instructions of trustees, we borrowed \$6,500.00 to finish paying for same. We only having \$11,500 on hand. It is a building of which we may all be proud. Pressed brick, stone trimmed, steam heated, electric lighted, water works and bath rooms on every floor.

School opened and Bro. Carter carried me over to the opening exercises. Almost a hundred bright, clean faces form our family, and our neighbor's children were there, for it is a public school.

Their sweet childish voices were lifted up in song and I tried to thank God for His blessings and pray Him to continue to bless our home. To bless the instrumental and spiritual training to His honor and glory, as we prepared them to travel the journey of life.

Bro. Carter and I went over the farm, and saw ample evidence of the manual training of our boys. Acres of sweet and irish potatoes, beans, peas, cabbage and corn

almost making our table self sustaining; fine crops bless their labor. And the girls work to, as I found on entering our home, scrupulously clean every hall way and room. Clean clothes that they had laundred. Neat patches showed the needle had been at work. And soon we had dinner that they had cooked and done well.

Good Bro. Fulgham, our doctor and one of our trustees says now come and look over my department. On the third floor in the old school room he had fitted up a model hospital. Six white iron beds. Five little ones sick. Miss Ida Thomas in charge. May God bless her always.

I stood by the bedside of one little one. A little 3 year old girl. Five weeks she had been there, and her little limbs had almost wasted away, but Doctor says she is going to get well now. As I stood there I thanked God that I had contributed to this home. That the milk of human kindness was not dried up. I felt in sacred possession and I resolved anew that this was surely God's work through His children and the opening way to a man's heart, to be liberal to the destitute, opening the way to larger things. I have found it so.

We now have almost one hundred children in hand, having received forty during June, and about twenty taken from the home by relatives or adopted.

We owe \$6,500 and following report of Convention recommend that every church in this Association take a collection in the month of November to pay this debt. That the young be especially encouraged in giving to this fund. Commence early in life to teach unselfishness

and to share with the homeless and destitute, out of the abundance with which God has blessed you.

Why do people love the orphanage work. It is a visible, tangible result from their donation, that they can see. Because our Lord's word says, "that religion pure and undefiled is to visit the widows and orphans in their affliction, and keep yourselves unspotted from the world."

Respectfully Submitted,

A. E. JENNINGS.

Read by A. E. Jennings. Before reading report, Bro. Jennings asked Bro. Wesson and Miss Stella Bobo to sing "I am the child of a King," and all were touched by this rendition of this grand old song, the report was discussed by Bro. Jennings and a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$33.75.

Adopted.

At 11 o'clock Bro. E. L. Wesson preached; text, 1st part of 2nd chapter of 1st Corinthians. A good sermon containing much to remember and meditation.

Appointed Standing Committees—See 3rd page for names.

Adjourned. Benediction by J. L. Low.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. W. W. Dickins.

The Moderator appointed the following local Executive Board, after a motion carried to locate the board

at Yocona Church:—J. L. Sisk, E. M. Taylor, D. D. Tubbs, J. W. Hollowell, and J. N. Hamilton.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. *Value of Education.* The chief value of education is to help us to understand the Scriptures aright. The purpose of the Christian is to do all he can to advance the cause of Christ, and in order to do that, one thing necessary is to understand the Scriptures. The fact that true christians disagree on the Bible in certain parts is because they don't understand or interpret it alike. In order then to draw all christians closer together on the Bible and to make them more useful in advancing the cause of Christ, they must be educated aright.

2. *Schools and Colleges.* We do not forget the blessing that we have in our system of public schools and State colleges of Agriculture and Industry and the State University, where consecrated christians may become more useful at so little expense. We praise God for them and urge our people as citizens to support these and make more use of them.

But we direct attention especially to our denominational institutions in the State where not only advantages of education are given, but also christianity is stressed and a religious atmosphere is found.

We have three of these in our State; Mississippi College and Hillman College, at Clinton, and Blue Mountain Female College at Blue Mountain.

We call attention to the fight which Dr. W. T. Lowrey is now making to add to the buildings of Mississippi College. He has \$20,000 from the family of our late Bro. Jennings, of Water Valley, for building purposes.

and from the American Education Board, located in New York City an offer of \$25,000 for buildings, on condition he raise \$75,000 more.

We urge the churches of this Association to support Bro. Lowrey and this institution in this enterprise.

We are glad to know that the religious life at Blue Mountain is being advanced by the building of a new house of worship, called the Lowrey Memorial Church. We bid them God speed in their work.

Outside of our State we have the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which this year is increasing its capacity for training ladies as well as men.

All these institutions of education are worthy of, and need our patronage and support, and we need them and cannot do without them.

3. What has been done by this Association in advancing the cause of education.

In 1904 the 25 churches in this Association reported \$252.00 given to this cause. Out of that, \$65.00 was given by one church to colleges and schools; and the rest \$187.00 given by four churches to ministerial education. This shows that out of 25 churches, only five reported gifts to education.

After the reading of the report on education at the last Association a collection was taken for Bro. William Hamilton, who wished to go to Mississippi College as a ministerial student. This collection helped him to spend the year at Clinton, and we rejoice to know that Bro. Hamilton was ordained this summer as pastor of the Yocona Church at Taylor's.

A complete report for 1905 cannot yet be given, as

only twenty church letters have been handed in, but these twenty show a total of \$284.00 for education, which is greater than the total of \$252.00 for the twenty-five churches last year. Out of this year's total for the twenty churches \$110.00 was given by two churches for colleges and schools, and \$174.65 by eight churches for ministerial education. We see then, that the twenty churches show a growth over the twenty-five churches reporting last year. Still only eight out of twenty reported any gift to education. Signed.

B. T. KIMBROUGH, JR.,

J. R. TAYLOR.

Read by Bro. B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., discussed by B. T. Kimbrough, Jr., G. W. Hollowell and others and adopted.

On motion, the roll of churches was called and the following pledges made from Bro. W. N. Hamilton:

Big Springs.....	\$10.00	Oxford.....	\$7.50
Bethel.....	5.00	Panola.....	10.00
Clear Creek.....	5.00	Pilgrim's Rest.....	5.00
Concord.....	5.00	Tocowa.....	2.50
Good Hope.....	5.00	Water Valley.....	25.00
Liberty Hill.....	2.50	Yocona.....	10.00
Mt. Gilead.....	2.00	Yellow Leaf.....	6.00

Making a total of \$100.50, and the said list to be placed in the hands of W. W. Dickins for collection and the money to be by him paid to Bro. W. T. Lowrey, President of Clinton College.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:

We have received from the churches, through their messengers, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents for the following objects:

For Minutes	\$33.75
For Foreign Missions	18.33
For Home Missions	24.38
For State Missions	36.44
For Clerks' Fee.	7.59
For Orphanage	13.65

Total \$134.15

We herewith attach Treasurer's receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Higginbotham,	} Committee.
I. T. Woodruff,	
P. B. Farrow.	

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents as follows:

For Foreign Missions	\$18.33
For State Missions.	36.54
For Home Missions	24.38
For Orphanage (Big Springs)	13.65
For Minutes	33.75
For Clerk Fee	7. 50

Total \$134.15

Collected for Orphanage today.... 43.75

Grand Total..... \$177.90

I now ask to be instructed to pay these amounts as

designated above.

W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.

Adopted and Treasurer authorized to disburse the money as requested by the donors.

The following resolution offered by W. W. Dickins was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body is due and is hereby tendered to this Church and the citizens of this community for the generous hospitality shown us, and earnestly pray that the blessings of our God may always abide with them.

The following Messengers were appointed:

Southern Baptist Convention—H. W. Rockett. Alternate J. W. Lee.

State Convention—P. H. Lowry. Alternate, A. E. Jennings.

Coldwater Association—J. L. Low.

Yallobusha Association—H. W. Rockett.

Calhoun Association—Terry Box.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was stopped and Brethren Lowry, Perkins, and Dickins requested to assist the clerk in correcting them, and the minutes adopted, subject to such correction.

The Association, standing, sang "God be with you 'till we meet again." The parting hand was given, thus ended one of the most pleasant meetings of this body.



IN MEMORIAM.

John P. Boydson, Big Springs.

Mrs. W. E. Crow, Clear Creek.

Joseph Harrison, Concord.

M. S. Hendricks, Good Hope.

Bertha Snider, Liberty Hill.

W. H. Hudson, Mt. Gilead.

Mr. E. F. Rivers, Oxford.

Geo. W. Leavell, Oxford.

S. A. Mooneyham, Pilgrim's Rest.

Mary Duke, Pilgrim's Rest.

Jennie Fowler Shuford, Tocowa.

Z. D. Jennings, Water Valley.

G. P. McFarland, Water Valley.

Mrs. M. E. Avent, Water Valley.

Mrs. F. E. Avent, Water, Valley.

Mrs. Lora Walker, Water Valley.

Mrs. M. F. Sisk, Yocona.

The ladies of the Oxford Baptist Association at Good Hope, held a meeting on September 8th, 1905, at which the following proceedings were had:

The following officers were elected, to-wit:

Mrs. F. S. Leavell, Vice-President of Association—Oxford.

Miss Eva Woodruff, Corresponding Secretary—Batesville.

Miss Dovie Johnson, Treasurer—Nolen.

The following ladies, one from each church, were appointed to assist in re-organizing Woman's Work in the Association:

Antioch—Mrs. S. B. Bius.

Big Springs—Miss Ernestine Burns.

Bethany—Mrs. J. N. McLeod.

Bethel—Mrs. Sallie Johnson.

Central—Mrs. J. W. Lee.

Clear Creek—Mrs. E. G. Horn.

Concord—Mrs. Jas. Tatum.

Courtland—Miss Tecoa Burnett.

Good Hope—Miss Lora Woodruff.

Liberty Hill—Mrs. Alice Pitcock.

Mt. Pisga—Mrs. P. J. Burkhalter.

Mt. Gilead—Miss — Brown.

New Liberty—Miss Mamie Carr.

New Hope—

Oxford—Mrs. George W. Leavell.

Panola—Mrs. A. H. Leigh.

Pope—Mrs. Dr. Bemis.

Pilgrim's Rest—Fannie Myers.

Paris—Mrs. — Hamlett.

Pisgah—

Shady Grove—Mrs. Lou Lindsey.

Tocowa—Miss Anna Woodruff.

Union—

Water Valley—Mrs. J. L. Low.

Yocona—Mrs. Lewis Sisk.

Yellow Leaf—Mrs. Jas. Johnson.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the Churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the Ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and worn-out Ministers will receive especial attention.

ART. 2. Each Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any Church have more than eight delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing Churches, shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

ART. 4. Any Church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any Church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other Churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the

Churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of Churches; but it may, when requested by a Church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 10. This Association shall, at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

ART. 11. The constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided, he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

ART. 5. Every motion made in order and seconded after sufficient time for discussion, shall be, by the Moderator, put to a vote of the association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 7. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The application "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the association and submit the same for correction of the association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

ART. 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the Minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Increase				PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.
	Membership Last Year	Total. Restored.	Baptism Letter	Decrease Total. Excluded Death Letter				
Antioch	15			4 1	H. W. Rockett	Enid		
Big Springs.	56	2 48		6 1	W. I. Hargis	University	W. E. Hudson.	Nolen.
Bethany.	57			2	W. H. Carder	Enid	J. H. Gowen	Enid
Bethel.	99	2 8		3 4	G. W. Hollowell.	Splinter	J. T. Johnson	Water Valley
Central.	75	12		3	J. W. Lee	Grenada	O. C. Leigh	Grenada.
Clear Creek	123	6		6 1	N. W. P. Bacon	Oxford, r. f. d. 2	B. W. Jones.	Burgess.
Courtland.	20	1		4	J. W. Lee	Grenada	I. T. Woodruff	Courtland.
Concord.	97	2 5		7 1	G. W. Hollowell.	Splinter	J. W. Higginbotham	Splinter
Good Hope	82	1		9 1	N. W. P. Bacon	Oxford, r. f. d. 2	A. S. Woodruff.	Batesville.
Liberty Hill	71	13		1 12	H. L. Johnson.	Water Valley	H. W. Burns	Fletcher
Mt. Pisgah *	116			116				
Mt. Gilead	21	3		10 1	H. L. Johnson.	Nolen	W. H. Hudson	Velma
New Liberty	44	2		2 5	J. F. McRibben	Elard	J. A. Wells	Water Valley
New Hope	9	1		1 6	W. D. House	Water Valley	W. C. Haire.	Water Valley
Oxford	174	14		21 9	Edward Stubblefield	Oxford	D. M. Kimbrough	Oxford
Panola	66	9		14	A. A. Lomax	Batesville	A. T. Bobo	Batesville.
Pope	51	1		2 15	H. W. Rockett	Enid	Dr. W. H. A. Bemis	Pope.
Pilgrim's Rest	120	1	21	24 1	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	J. C. Broom	Shuford.
Paris	32	3		3 3	H. L. Johnson.	Nolen	W. J. Moorhead	Paris.
Pisgah *								
Shady Grove	23			7	W. D. House	Water Valley	G. W. House	Water Valley
Tocowa.	31	4		1 1	H. W. Rockett	Enid	J. D. Woodruff	Tocowa
Union.								
Water Valley	346	29	30	1 60	J. L. Low	Water Valley	B. P. Gooch.	Water Valley
Yocona.	58	7	1	8 9	W. N. Hamilton.	Taylor	C. E. Sisk	Taylor
Yellow Leaf.	84	8	10	18 5	H. L. Johnson.	Nolen	H. H. Johnson	Oxford.
Totals	1870	90	156	9 255	126 16 18 160	1965		* No Letter

* No Letter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Post Office.	Secretary.	Post Office.	No. of Pupils	No. Teachers	Kind of Literature used	Baptisms this year
Antioch	W. E. Hudson	Nolen	Ernestine Burns	Nolen	35	3	S. B. C. Series	
Big Springs	I. H. Lowry	Enid	Nina Patterson	Enid	2	2	"	
Bethany	J. M. Davis	Water Valley	B. W. Jones	Burgess	65	4	"	3
Bethel	H. L. Bunch	Burgess			37	3	"	
Clear Creek								
Central.								
Courtland								
Concord.								
Good Hope	E. M. Thornton.	Batesville	S. P. Woodruff	Frederick	35	4	"	
Liberty Hill	J. C. Campbell	Melburn	M. Dougherty	Fletcher	44	4	"	
Mt. Pisgah								
Mt. Gillead	A. S. Quinn	Velma	J. L. Goodwin	Velma	30	4	"	
New Liberty..	S. C. Wilkins	Water Valley	Cubell Wells	Water Valley	22	3	"	
New Hope	G. L. Neely	Water Valley	W. C. Haire	Water Valley	30	3	"	
Oxford	Dr. F. L. Riley	University	Frank Leavell	Oxford	114	12	"	13
Panola	P. H. Lowry	Batesville	J. W. Leigh	Batesville	64	7	"	9
Fope								
Pilgrim's Rest								
Paris.								
Pisgah..								
Shady Grove..								
Tocowa..	Joe Sankle	Tocowa	Kathrin Shuford	Tocowa	20	4	"	2
Union								
Water Valley..	A. E. Jennings	Water Valley	B. P. Gooch	Water Valley	180	10	"	24
Yocona..	C. E. Tubbs	Taylor	Harry Sisk	Taylor	30	5	"	
Yellow Leaf....	H. H. Johnson	Oxford	Beat Wilbanks	Oxford	41		"	
Totals					747	68		51

* No Statistics.

† No Letter.

